

My sincere hope is that all High Point residents participate in one or more of our Fire Prevention Week activities, and make sure there are working smoke alarms installed throughout their homes. These simple steps can help make a lifesaving difference, and prevent the potentially life-threatening impact of fire.

Here are additional smoke alarm tips to follow:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test alarms each month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms, including alarms that use 10-year batteries and hard-wired alarms, when they are 10 years old or sooner if they do not respond properly.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows the sound and understands what to do when they hear the smoke alarm.
- If the smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.
- Go to your outside meeting place. Call the fire department (911) from outside the home.

To learn more about the "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" campaign, visit NFPA's Web site at:

www.firepreventionweek.org and
www.sparky.org/fpw.

Don't toss this brochure!

It contains
important
Loose Leaf
and
Solid Waste
collection
schedules.



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by Chief Tommy Reid

If someone asked you where your smoke alarms are in your home, could you tell them? If you're like many people, you may not pay much attention to where smoke alarms have been installed. However, location matters when it comes to smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms should be installed inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

Working smoke alarms are a critical fire-safety tool that can mean the difference between life and death in a home fire. According to the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), smoke alarms can cut the chance of dying in a home fire in half. Meanwhile, NFPA data show that home fires killed 2,755 people in 2013, an average of eight people every day that year. Many of these deaths could have been prevented with the proper smoke alarm protection.

As a member of the fire service for 36 years, I've seen the devastating effects of fire first-hand; the injuries, the loss of homes and the loss of possessions are distressing. What's even worse is witnessing a family's anguish after a loved one has been killed in a fire. It's heartbreaking.

As the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week, October 4-10, 2015, NFPA is promoting "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!" to better educate the public about the true value of working smoke alarms in the bedroom. In support of these efforts, High Point Fire Department will be hosting local campaign activities throughout the week.

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City of High Point SOLID WASTE HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Holiday	Day & Date	Collection Days
Thanksgiving 2015	Thurs & Fri - Nov 26 & 27	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri
Christmas 2015	Thurs & Fri - Dec 24 & 25	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
New Year's 2016	Friday - Jan 1	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
MLK Day 2016.....	Monday - Jan 18	Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri
Easter (Good Friday) 2016	Friday - March 25.....	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
Memorial Day 2016	Monday - May 30	Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri
Independence Day 2016	Monday - Jul 4	Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri
Labor Day 2016	Monday - Sept 5.....	Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri
Thanksgiving 2016	Thurs & Fri - Nov 24 & 25	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri
Christmas 2016	Friday - Dec 23	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
.....	Monday - Dec 26.....	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
New Year's 2017	Monday - Jan 2	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs

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Holiday schedule changes for solid waste collection and other city services are also posted on the city's website--www.highpointnc.gov-- and on Time-Warner Cable Channel 8.



Fall Leaves Tour on High Point City Lake's Excursion Boat

Enjoy the fall colors on this guided 45 minute tour that takes you around High Point City Lake with many great opportunities to take photographs and learn about the seasonal changes from Piedmont Environmental Center's Naturalist Dick Thomas.

602 W. Main St., Jamestown

October 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, November 1, 7, 8

Fridays - 1p.m. & 2p.m.; Saturdays - 12p.m., 1p.m., 2p.m., 3p.m., 4p.m.,

Sundays - 1p.m., 2p.m., 3p.m., 4p.m. Fee: \$4/person (*minimum age is 4*)

Reservations taken as of October 2nd (*required*): 336.883.3498

2015-2016 LOOSE LEAF CURBSIDE COLLECTION

The City of High Point will begin collecting loose leaves from the curb in early November. To find out when leaf crews will be in your neighborhood, check the chart below.

Please note that we cannot predict which day of the week we will be on your street, so have your leaves at the curb on Monday by 7 a.m.

If you'd prefer, you can place your leaves in clear plastic bags at the curb, and we'll collect them on your regular solid waste collection day.

<u>Solid Waste</u> <u>Collection Day</u>	<u>Loose Leaf</u> <u>Collection Week Begins</u>
Monday	Monday, November 9, 2015
.....	Monday, December 14, 2015
Tuesday	Monday, November 16, 2015
.....	Monday, December 28, 2015
Wednesday	Monday, November 30, 2015
.....	Monday, January 11, 2016
Thursday.....	Monday, December 7, 2015
.....	Monday, January 18, 2016

Loose leaf piles need to be free and clean of all other materials – sticks, limbs, garbage, etc. Do not place leaves in street, block drainage basins or drainage ditches. Leaves need to be within 8-10 feet of street for collection.

